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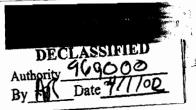
SUBJ: IRAQ-SOVIET COMMUNIQUE RAISES PROSPECT OF TREATY IN NEAR FUTURE

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1. IRAQI DELEGATION LED BY BAATH PARTY DEPUTY SECRETARY GENERAL SADDAM HUSEIN DEPARTED MOSCOW FEB 17 AFTER HAVING NET WITH BREZHNEV FEB 15 AND OTHER SOVIET LEADERS SINCE ARRIVAL FEB 10. MFA COUNSELOR PYRLIN HAD TOLD US IRAQI DLEGATIONWAS SCHEDULED TO DEPART FEB 14 (REFTEL) BUT WE PRESUME IRAQIS DELAYED DEPARTURE IN ORDER TO MEET BREZHNEV AND BECAUSE OF UNFINISHED BUSINESS. PRESS SAYS TALKS WITH BREZHNEV CONDUCTED IN "FRANK"

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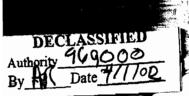
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2. COMMUNIQUE PUBLISHED FEB 18 AFTER DELEGATION DEPARTURE, HOWEVER, DESCRIBES ATMOSPHERE OF TALKS AS "FRIENDLY" AND "COMRADELY", AND EXPRESSES INTENTION OF BOTH SIDES TO STUDY MEASURE THAT CAN BE TAKEN IN NEAR FUTURE TO PUT RELATIONS ON "NEW, HIGHER LEVEL BY FORMULATING THEM INTO A TREATY ARRANGEMENT." (NOTE: TASS ENGLISH SUMMARY OF COMMUNIQUE OMITS POINT ABOUT TREATY.) OTHERWISE, COMMUNIQUE STRESSESS" FURTHER DEVELOPMENT OF POLITICAL, ECONOMIC, AND MILITARY COOPERATION," AND NOTES SOVIET READINESS TO HELP IRAQ "ESTABLISH A NATIONAL OIL INDUSTRY AND TO EXPLOIT ITS OIL WEALTH INDEPENDENTLY." ARAB UNITY AND "FULL SUPPORT TO ARAB STATES AND PEOPLE IN PERSIAN GULF AREA... FOR ELIMINATION OF IMPERIALIST DOMINATION AND ALL

FOREIGN MILITARY BASES IN THE AREA" ALSO CALLED FOR.

- 3. ON MIDDLE EAST SETTLEMENT, COMMUNIQUE BRIEFLY STATES THAT
 PPEACE NOT POSSIBLE "WITHOUT LIBERATION OF ALL ARAB TERRITORIES
 OCCUPIED AS A RESULT OF ISRAEL'S IMPERIALIST AGRESSION, AND
 WITHOUT ENSURING LEGITIMATE RIGHTS OF ARAB PEOPLE OF PALESTINE."
 NO MENTION MADE OF USUAL SOVIET REFERENCES TO SC RESOLUTION 242
 AS BASIS FOR SETTLEMENT WHICH INDICATES THAT, AS REPORTED IN
 REFTEL, PYRLIN'S PESSIMISM OVER SOVIET PROSPECTS FOR PERSUADING
 IRAGIS TO CLOSE RANKS WITH EGYPT ON THIS POINT WAS WELLFOUNDED. IN THIS CONNECTION, INFORMAL CHATS WITH EMBOFF SOME
 MONTHS AGO, EMPHASIZED CAUTIOUS ATTITUDE OF SOVIETS WHEN DEALING WITH
 PRESSURE ON IRAG AT FIRST SIGN OF NEGATIVE REACTION FROM BAGHDAD.
- 4. DELEGATION MEMBERSHIP HEAVY ON ECONOMIC SIDE AND COMMUNIQUE POINTS TO SUBSTANTIAL AGREEMENT ON EXPLOITATION OF IRAGI OIL RESOURCES WHICH, ACCORDING TO JORDANIAN AMBASSADOR, WAS MAIN IRAGI INTEREST. AMBASSADOR ASSUMED SOME MEASURES OF NATION.

 ALIZATION WERE FORESEEN AND SAID, IN THIS CONNECTION, THAT IRAGINAS ACQUIRED 15 TANKERS FROM SOVIET S WHICH WOULD SAIL UNDER SOVIET FLAG INOT CLEAR WHETHER PURCHSED OR LEASED), MAKING POSSIBLE HARASSMENT OF THEIR OPERATIONS BY OIL COMPANIES MORE DIFFICULT. PRESENCE OF IRAGI ARMY CHIEF OF STAFFELT GEN ABDEL DJABAR SHANSHAL AND IRAGI AIR FORCE BIRGADIER HUSEIN KHAYAVI POINT TO MILITARY DISCUSSIONS DURING VISIT BUT WE HAVE NO HARD INFORMATION ON MILITARY ASPECTS



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OF TALKS, AND COMMUNIQUE OFFERS NO CLUES. GP-3

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